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another place in Chelsea,[1] where was about 50 persons that had been Cleaned by Smoking, most of which he made distribution to. My love to friends, with a Communication of any part of this letter that may be necessary and will be Expected.

MOSES BROWN.

[1] "Watertown, Nov. 27. On Friday last, General Howe sent three hundred men, women, and children, poor of the town of Boston, over to Chelsea, without anything to subsist on, at this inclement season of the year, having, it is reported, only six cattle left in the town for Shubael Herves, butcher-master-general, to kill."—See *Frothingham's Siege of Boston*, note, page 282.

THE OATH TAKEN BY THE OFFICERS AT VALLEY FORGE.

I *James Glentworth, Lieut. of 6th Pennya. Reg.* do acknowledge the UNITED STATES of AMERICA to be Free, Independent and Sovereign States, and declare that the people thereof owe no allegiance or obedience to George the Third, King of Great-Britain; and I renounce, refuse and abjure any allegiance or obedience to him; and I do *Swear* that I will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain and defend the said United States against the said King George the Third, his heirs and successors, and his or their abettors, assistants and adherents, and will serve the said United States in the office of *Lieutenant* which I now hold, with fidelity, according to the best of my skill and understanding.

JAMES GLENTWORTH.

Sworn at the Valley Forge Camp this 11th day of May, 1778, before me

STIRLING, M. G.